

# NEWSLETTER



(pictured above): Darcy Smith, Carly Smith, Vicki Smith & Matt Smith with the Peter Smith GM Family

## Local Businessman's Legacy Drives Heart & Home Campaign Forward

Family of the late Peter Smith gathered on November 5th to present Hospice Quinte with a charitable gift of \$50k in loving memory of the local businessman. Smith, founder of Peter Smith GM in Belleville, passed suddenly in November 2019. He was well-known for his generosity in supporting numerous community projects and charitable efforts. Smith's wife Vicki, son Matthew, and daughters Darcy and Carly were proudly joined by their friendly staff to celebrate the legacy of a man who was dedicated to the betterment of community across the greater Quinte region, and beyond.

"We are very proud to be able to support *Heart & Home Building Campaign* and honour our late husband and father Peter in this way," says Vicki Smith. "We miss him every day – he was a man who felt privileged to be able to give back to his community after the Quinte area welcomed him and supported his businesses, and he tirelessly worked on many charity boards because he wanted to share his business experience to help raise much needed funds."

"We think the naming of the 'Fundraising Office' is a fitting tribute to him," adds Smith.

Smith will be recognized at the new Hospice Quinte Care Centre in the fundraising office, where a photo and commemorative plaque will be placed in his honour.

"We are very honoured to be receiving this needed support on behalf of Peter's family and business," says Hospice Quinte Executive Director, Jennifer May-Anderson. "This generous donation reminds us that despite a loved one's passing, adoration for them and the proud legacy they leave behind shall carry on."



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MAKE IT HAPPEN  
HOSPICE QUINTE CARE CENTRE

# Together, We Will 'Make It Happen'



(L-R): Shelly Rees, Caley Weese and Patti Middleton (McDougall Insurance Staff and Tournament Organizers), and Sandi Ramsay (Donor Relations Manager, Hospice Quinte)

The incredible team at McDougall Insurance & Financial went above and beyond by hosting their annual charity golf tournament virtually this year in order to raise \$20k for the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*. We are very fortunate to have been chosen as this year's beneficiary of McDougall's first ever virtual charity golf tournament and want to express our sincere gratitude to Ross and his team!



(L-R): FF Adam Fournier, FF Ryan McNaught, FF Cory McKerracher, SR. FPO Greg King, President/FF Jay Coxwell, Capt. Chris Wigley, Chief John Whelan (Hospice Quinte Campaign Member), FF Jason Alexander, FF John Lawrence, Capt. Ross Elson, and FF Joe McCombe

The 16 members of the Quinte West Professional Firefighters Association Local 1328 also presented Hospice Quinte with an incredibly generous gift of \$10k, QWPFA's largest charitable donation to date, in support of the *Heart & Home Building Campaign*. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your donation and for helping us 'Make It Happen'!

## Grief Is A Shared Journey



Grief and bereavement support are essential elements of end-of-life care. As a society, we are so focused on prolonging life and curing illness that very little thought is given to what happens at the end of our journey – including what happens to those who are left behind.

National Bereavement Day, an annual day of awareness observed this year on November 17th, is an opportunity to bring this discussion to the forefront of Canadians' minds, and allow time to grieve, to remember, and to heal. The focus for this year's National Bereavement Day is that grief is a shared journey; one that fosters compassion and encourages individuals to cope with their grief by supporting each other,

through living and grieving. While we might be physically distanced, our grief brings us together.

This reality has created urgency for organizations, like Hospice Quinte, to ensure that grief and bereavement support and resources are readily available and easily accessible in the new state of the world. Hospice Quinte has seen a significant rise in the need for increasingly complicated grief and bereavement support during the pandemic. In order to continue to provide no-cost bereavement support at a safe distance to our community, Hospice Quinte created a Peer Telephone Bereavement Support program that is delivered by trained Hospice Quinte volunteers. The organization also received a \$40,000 grant from the Federal Government's 'Emergency Community Support Fund' enabling Hospice Quinte to create a Supportive Bereavement Counselling program as well. Individuals can also find a library of valuable grief and bereavement resources on Hospice Quinte's website.

## 'Halloween For Hospice' A Spook-tacular Success!



Halloween For Hospice Event Volunteers

The frightfully fun and pandemic-friendly 'Halloween for Hospice Car Rally' resulted in a fantagastic time for more than 65 participants and several spook-tacular volunteers who helped raise \$9,146 in support of the future Hospice Quinte Care Centre. The event, held on Saturday, October 24th, challenged participants to locate and visit twelve secret checkpoint locations, at Belleville area businesses, using only the set of clues provided. We are overjoyed by the success of the event and cannot express our gratitude enough to all of the participants, volunteers and businesses who came together to raise over \$9,000 in support of the Hospice Quinte Care Centre – thank you for helping us 'Make It Happen'.